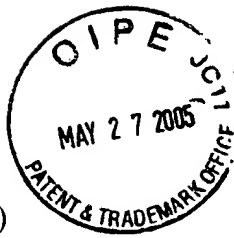


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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.



REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 2-220866 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 5-316334 were cited in an Official Action in a foreign counterpart to the subject application, namely Japanese Patent Application No. 7-214552. The Official Action is dated April 25, 2005. A copy of the Official Action is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully submit that JP 02-220866 discloses, e.g., that a user indicates a partial image of an original, image processing is performed on image data corresponding to the partial image using various parameters, the processed images are printed on a paper as shown in Fig. 6, the user selects one of the processed images printed on the paper, and the image processing is performed on whole image data of the original using a parameter corresponding to the selected processed image. Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,119,182 corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-220866.

Applicants respectfully submit that JP 05-316334 discloses, e.g., that a user indicates a position in an displayed image, the indicated position corresponds to an achromatic color part of the display image, and a white balance coefficient is calculated based on the achromatic color part. An English-language translation is also enclosed.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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